

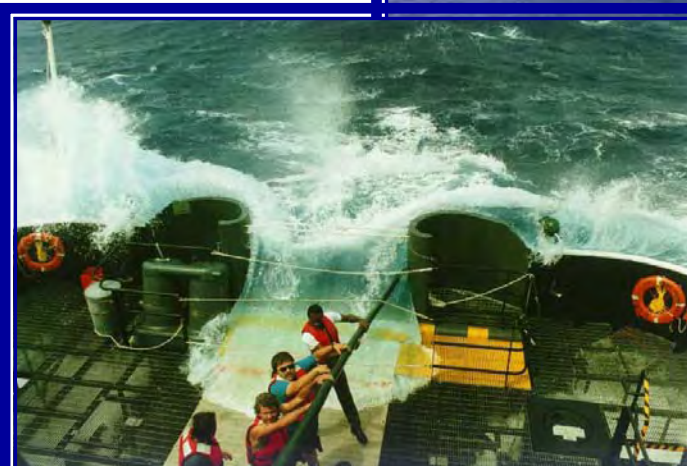
Change of Command

Captain
Stephen G. Gabriele
Commanding

Captain
David J. Kern
Relieving



Commander, Undersea Surveillance
Virginia Beach, Virginia





Commander, Undersea Surveillance (COMUNDERSEASURV) is the staff headquarters of the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System (IUSS).

Undersea surveillance is a vital link in the U.S. Navy's defense against modern submarines that may jeopardize the safe movement of seaborne forces and commerce. COMSUBLANT is responsible for administration of Commander Undersea Surveillance as the global headquarters and single Type Commander for IUSS. The mission of IUSS is to acoustically detect, track, and localize submarine, surface ship, and aircraft contacts utilizing fixed, mobile, and deployable sensors in specific ocean areas of national interest supporting U.S. and allied maritime operating forces. A total of 800 Officers, Sailors, and civilian personnel are assigned worldwide. Fixed and towed acoustic arrays comprise a comprehensive web of sensor systems to monitor and update tactical situations for supported task force commanders.

Fixed systems are comprised of acoustic arrays strategically positioned on the ocean bottom to monitor subsurface activities at significant standoff ranges.

Towed systems employ a long towed array of hydrophones used to support Fleet surveillance activities as well as enhance the tactical effectiveness of submarine, surface ship, and airborne antisubmarine warfare systems.

The Integrated Undersea Surveillance System consists of the following components:

Commander, Undersea Surveillance
Joint Maritime Facility, St. Mawgan, U.K.
Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Dam Neck, VA
Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Whidbey Island, WA
Surveillance Towed Array Sensor Ships (SURTASS)

USNS LOYAL

USNS VICTORIOUS

USNS EFFECTIVE

USNS IMPECCABLE

R/V CORY CHOUEST

CABLE REPAIR SHIP USNS ZEUS



CAPT NOCE



**Joint Maritime Facility,
St. Mawgan, U.K.**



CDR WASHKO



**Naval Ocean Processing Facility,
Dam Neck, VA.**



CDR BRAULT



**Naval Ocean Processing Facility,
Whidbey Island, WA**

Guest Speaker

VADM Charles L. Munns

UNITED STATES NAVY



Vice Admiral Munns began his naval career at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with distinction in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in physics. Early tours included assignments as Division Officer, *USS SEADRAGON* (SSN-584) from November 1974 to May 1978; Instructor, NROTC Unit University of Colorado from August 1978 to December 1980; Engineer, *USS ETHAN ALLEN* (SSN-608) from August 1981 to March 1983; Navigator, *USS NEW YORK CITY* (SSN-696) from May 1983 to October 1984; Executive Officer, *USS FLORIDA* (SSBN-728) (Blue) from January 1985 to January 1987; and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, CINCPACFLT from February 1987 to March 1989.

Vice Admiral Munns' first command assignment was as Commanding Officer of *USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL* (SSN-687) from April 1990 to October 1992. During his command, the ship was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, two Navy Unit Commendations and three consecutive Battle "E" Awards.

Following this tour, Vice Admiral Munns completed a Pentagon tour from November 1992 to July 1994 with assignments on the OPNAV Staff working for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (N3/N5) first in the Strategic Concepts Branch (N513), then as the Branch Head Nuclear Affairs and International Negotiations Branch (N514) and lastly for the Strategy and Policy Division (N51).

Vice Admiral Munns was then assigned to major command as Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve from July 1994 to August 1995 and was responsible for the operations, maintenance and training of eight nuclear submarines and for tactical development for the submarine force. In September 1995, he was selected as a CNO Strategic Studies Group Fellow. His nine-month tasking was to create innovative operational concepts for Naval Operations in 2025 and beyond. From this post at the Naval War College, he was detailed to serve from July 1996 to May 1998 as Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Vice Admiral Munns' first Flag Officer tour was as Deputy Chief of Staff for C4I, Resources, Requirements, and Assessments (N6/N8) on the staff of the Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet, from April 1998 through May 2000, where he acted as the Pacific Fleet Chief Information Officer and Chief Financial Officer. In June 2000, Vice Admiral Munns was named Commander Submarine Group Eight; Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Commander, Submarine Force Sixth Fleet (CTF 69); and Commander, Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Force (CTF 164), based in Naples, Italy. He recently completed a tour of duty as the Director, Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), where he was responsible for the Department of the Navy's initiative to provide secure intranet infrastructure and services to the shore based components of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Vice Admiral Munns received a Master's of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Colorado in December 1980 and attended MIT's Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics and International Relations from September 1993 to June 1994.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain Stephen G. Gabriele

UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Steve Gabriele graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. His first sea tour was onboard USS WHALE (SSN 638) from March 1981 until March 1984. During this time the ship participated in a submarine arctic exercise, conducted a special operation in the North Atlantic Ocean, and twice deployed to the Mediterranean Sea. In April 1984 he was assigned to Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, where he served as an instructor and division director until June 1986.

After attending SCUBA school at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Florida, he served as Executive Officer on board SUBMARINE NR-1, the world's only nuclear powered deep submersible, from October 1986 to August 1989. During his tour SUBMARINE NR-1 conducted numerous military missions and research projects, including a Mediterranean deployment. He then served as Director, Submarine Officer Advanced Course at Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

From April 1992 to March 1994 Captain Gabriele served as Executive Officer of USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687) home ported at Mare Island, California. During his tour the ship conducted deep submergence rescue vehicle (DSRV) operations, completed two special operations, and was decommissioned. The ship was awarded two Navy Unit Commendations during this period. Captain Gabriele then served as the Executive Assistant to the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs in Washington, DC from April 1994 until August 1996.

Captain Gabriele served as Commanding Officer of USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) from June 1997 until December 1999. During this time the ship deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a unit of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and participated in combat operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. During his tour, the ship was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E" award, and several Submarine Squadron Two awards for excellence in tactics, navigation, communications, damage control and supply.

Following his submarine command tour Captain Gabriele was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff for Submarine Operations on the staff of Commander Submarine Group Eight/Task Force 69 in Naples, Italy, from January 2000 to February 2002. He then earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College, where he graduated with highest distinction. Captain Gabriele reported as Commander, Undersea Surveillance in June 2003.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and other personal, unit and campaign awards.

Captain David J. Kern

UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain David Kern earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in May 1981. Upon completion of nuclear power training and Naval Submarine School, he reported to USS HONOLULU (SSN 718), home ported in Norfolk, Virginia. He supported deployed ships in the Mediterranean and served as Chemistry and Radiological Assistant and communicator until the ship was delivered to the Pacific Fleet in 1986. Captain Kern then reported to the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California, and earned a Master's degree in national security affairs.

Captain Kern served as Combat Systems Officer on USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) and in 1990 received the Stephen Decatur Award for Operational Excellence from the United States Naval League. In 1990, he reported aboard USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) as Engineer Officer and deployed to the North Atlantic. In 1992, Captain Kern served as a junior member on the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Kern reported as Executive Officer on USS NEBRASKA (GOLD) (SSBN 739) in 1995 and conducted four strategic deterrent patrols. During his tour, NEBRASKA's crew earned the Submarine Squadron TWENTY Battle "E" Award, the United States Strategic Command's Omaha Trophy, and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. In 1997, Captain Kern was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff in the Directorate for Submarine Warfare.

In June 1999, Captain Kern took command of USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711), home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Under his leadership, SAN FRANCISCO was awarded a Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation, two consecutive Fleet Golden Anchor Awards, and completed an Engineered Refueling Overhaul three months ahead of schedule.

Captain Kern assumed command of Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) VIRGINIA in August 2002. He guided VIRGINIA through new construction testing, sea trials, and her first operational examinations culminating in her commissioning in October 2004. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and various other unit awards.

Schedule of Events

* ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

* PARADE THE COLORS

NOPF Color Guard

* NATIONAL ANTHEM

* INVOCATION

LCDR Merriman

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Stephen G. Gabriele

GUEST SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Charles L. Munns

REMARKS & READING OF ORDERS

Captain Stephen G. Gabriele

READING OF ORDERS & REMARKS

Captain David J. Kern

BENEDICTION

LCDR Merriman

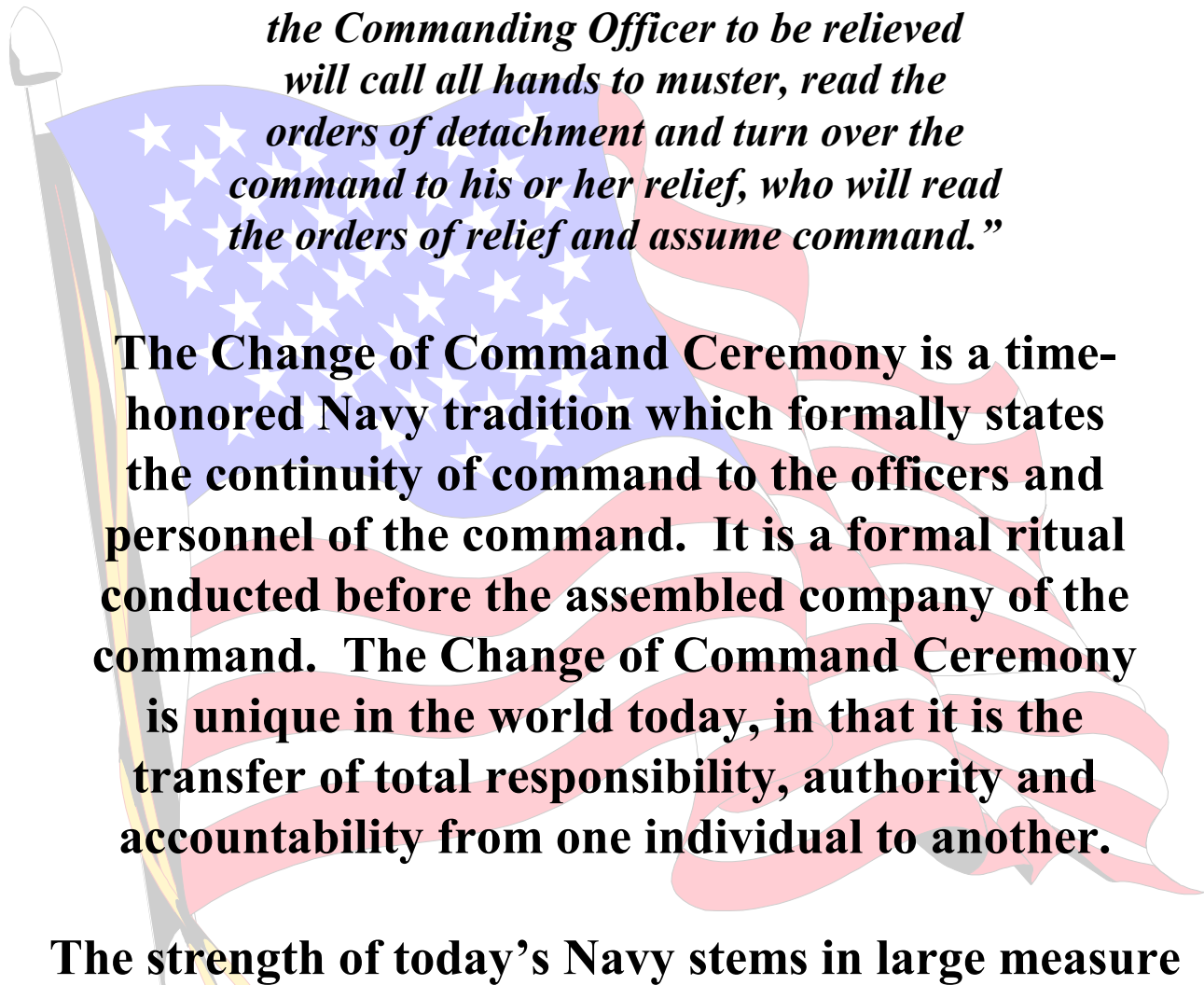
* DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

* Guests please rise

The Change of Command Ceremony

U.S. Navy Regulations

Article 0807



“At the time of turning over Command, the Commanding Officer to be relieved will call all hands to muster, read the orders of detachment and turn over the command to his or her relief, who will read the orders of relief and assume command.”

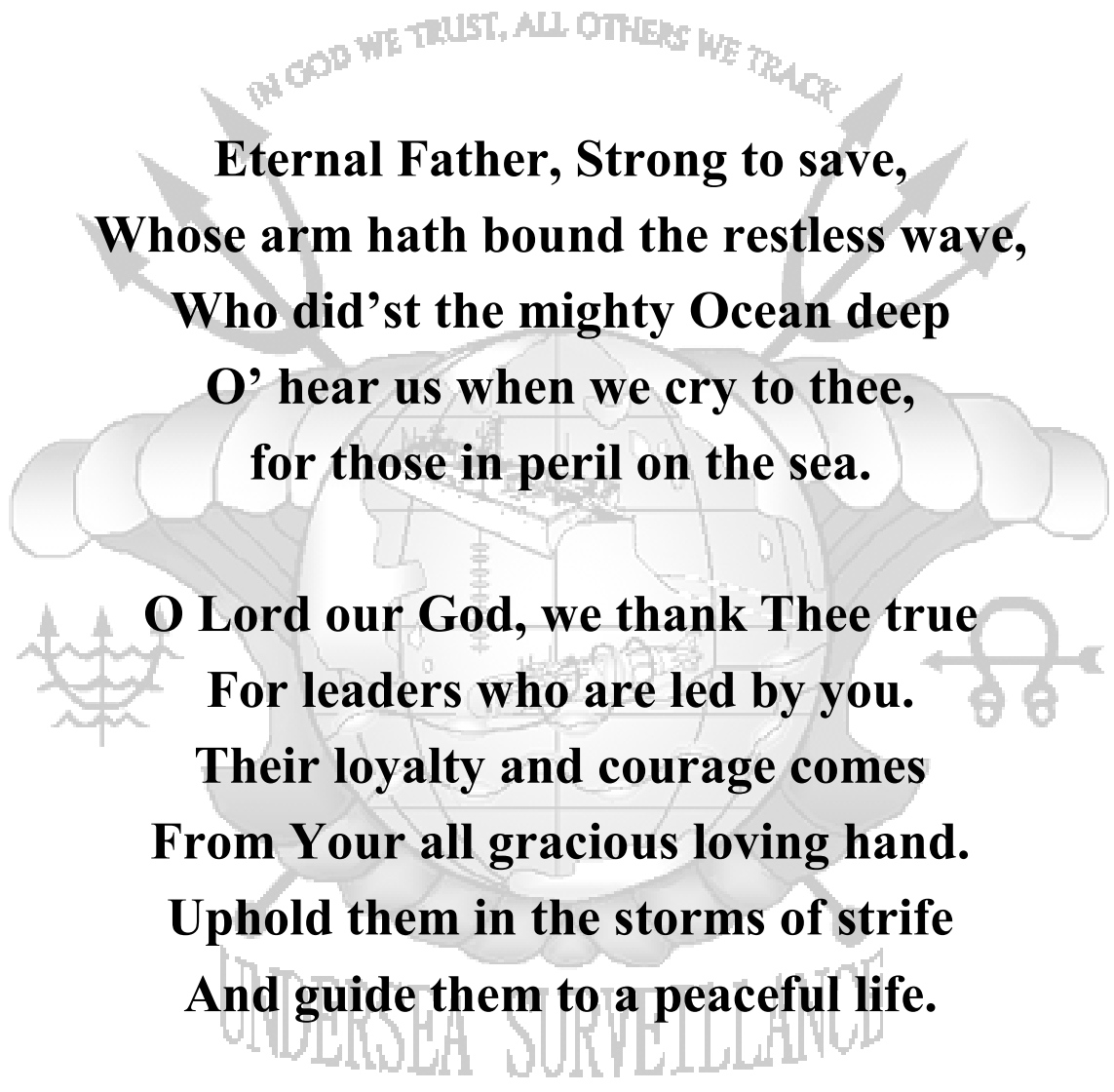
The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored Navy tradition which formally states the continuity of command to the officers and personnel of the command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The Change of Command Ceremony is unique in the world today, in that it is the transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

The strength of today’s Navy stems in large measure from the observance of customs and traditions, each founded on need, each contributing its share of stability, combat effectiveness and smooth transfer of authority.

Commodore

The Dutch invented the Commodore rank about 1652 during one of their naval wars with England. The word comes from ‘komandeur’, which means “having command over others” and might be of French or Spanish origin. Our Navy used Commodore as an honorary title from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War for Captains commanding two or more ships operating together or who had other significant additional responsibilities. Commander, Undersea Surveillance has been referred to as “Commodore” in recognition of the significant responsibility for the ships at sea and surveillance operations worldwide in support of our Navy’s mission of national security.

NAVY HYMN



**Eternal Father, Strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who did'st the mighty Ocean deep
O' hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Lord our God, we thank Thee true
For leaders who are led by you.
Their loyalty and courage comes
From Your all gracious loving hand.
Uphold them in the storms of strife
And guide them to a peaceful life.**

